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SUBJECT: DDCI Talking Points for SIG(I) Committee Meeting

Attached are the proposed talking points on the NITs for your meeting with the SIG(I) Committee on Intelligence Priorities on 31 July 1984 at 1400 hours. A copy of the talking points is also being forwarded to

the Executive Secretary for the SIG(I). I am also providing with copies of the table that is attached to the talking points so he can hand one to each of the Committee principals at the meeting.

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### DDCI Talking Points for SIG(I) Committee Meeting

I. The objectives of this meeting are:

- to obtain consumer comments on Community production responsive to the NITs (A handout is provided).

Note: This updates production totals reported in April.

- to discuss the submissions for the FY 85 NITs, especially the growth in the number of issues for the Community to address in production.
- to approve the proposed NITs of Current Interest for FY1985.

2. The IPC has examined Community intelligence production for the April-July period to evaluate the responsiveness to the current NITs and to update the NIT-related production totals reported to you at our last meeting in April.

- The handout you have just received provides a quantitative description of Community production over the last three months.

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3. SIG(I) Committee comments on the IPC assessment and Community production to date would be useful.

- A final IPC evaluation report covering NIT-related production for FY 84 (i.e., 1 Oct 83 to 30 Sept 84) will be forwarded to you in October 1984.

4. Your responsiveness in submitting inputs for the FY 85 NITs is appreciated. In most instances, they were submitted promptly.

- I am concerned that the new submissions included 92 (i.e., 65 percent) of the 141 topics listed in the FY 84 NITs.

Twenty-four of the 92 subtopics were repeated despite there being extensive coverage of the issues of concern.

- The practice of using the previous year's subtopics as a "building block" for adding on new topics for the succeeding year could lead to a list of NITs of encyclopedic proportions.
- The NITs would then have no value as a means for conveying high-level guidance to intelligence producers.
- We should eventually agree on a new approach for limiting the NITs each year to only the highest priority topics, or on a scheme to rank order a comprehensive NIT package. This will be addressed over the next year.

Note: There is no intention to limit this FY 85 package.

5. Any SIG(I) Committee comments on the problem of the continuing growth in the number of NITs?

6. The last agenda item is the approval of the proposed NITs of Current Interest for FY 85. They are longer and more comprehensive than the FY 84 NITs.

- They also include both on-going issues of high interest and new topics.
- Any comments on the proposed NITs?

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7. The new NITs, as approved, will be published and disseminated as guidance to the Intelligence Community in late August or early September.

8. Our next meeting likely will be in March of next year to discuss Community responsiveness to the new NITs during the first six months of the fiscal year as well as NIT-related information gaps.

- The SIG(I) Executive Secretary will notify you of the time and place.
- The IPC will prepare and disseminate to you reports on NIT-related production and on the information gaps limiting such production prior to that meeting.

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